

# VIRGINIA IS FOURTH

Production of Coke in the Various States Compared.

## PENNSYLVANIA LEADS ALL

Alabama Comes Next, then West Virginia, with Virginia Ranking Next. An Increase of Over Sixteen Per Cent. in Output.

The production of coke in the United States in 1902, according to the report now in press, prepared by Mr. E. W. Farker, for the geological survey, exceeded that of any year in our history. The product, which included the output from retort or by-product ovens, amounted last year to 25,401,730 short tons, as compared with 21,765,883 short tons in 1901, and with 20,532,348 tons in 1900. The increase in 1902 over 1901 amounted to 3,635,847 short tons, or 16.5 per cent., and this increase would have been much larger had the transportation facilities been commensurate with the demand for coke and with the productive capacity of the ovens.

### HIGHEST PRICE.

The unprecedented production of coke in 1902 was accompanied by an increase of value which was even more worthy of note. The average price per ton at the ovens was the highest recorded in a period of twenty-three years, and the total value reached the high figure of \$23,529,167, an increase over the preceding year of \$18,833,244, or 42.5 per cent. The value of the coke used in the manufacture of coke in 1902 exceeded that of 1901 by \$7,222,563, from which it appears that the value of the coke product increased \$10,706,681 over and above the increased value of the coke used in its production. In 1901 the highest price obtained for Cannelville furnace coke was \$14.25, which was paid in March and April of that year. In September and October of 1902, while contract coke was nominally quoted at \$3 per ton, consumers were paying from \$10 to \$12 per ton for prompt delivery, and as much as \$15 per ton was reported. During 1902 there were 62,000 coke ovens in existence in the United States, as compared with 62,561 ovens in 1901. Of these 62,000 ovens 67,214 were active and produced an average of 374 tons per oven. The total number in 1902 included 1,922 by-product recovery ovens, which produced 1,402,558 tons of coke, an average of 544 tons of coke per oven.

### PENNSYLVANIA LEADS.

In the order of production Pennsylvania ranked first, with 16,457,310 short tons, an increase over 1901 of 2,141,593 tons; Alabama came second, with 2,552,246 short tons, an increase of 402,345 tons; West Virginia, third, with 2,345,555 short tons, an increase of 228,566 short tons; Virginia fourth, with 1,124,572 short tons, an increase of 217,442 short tons; Colorado, fifth, with 1,063,383 short tons, an increase of 322,590 tons, the percentage of increase for these States being: Pennsylvania, 14.92; Alabama, 18.77; West Virginia, 10.19; Virginia, 23.57; Colorado, 43.47.

### QUANTITY OF COAL USED.

The quantity of coal used in 1902 to produce 25,401,730 short tons of coke was

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25,401,730 short tons, as compared with 21,765,883 short tons used to produce 21,765,883 tons of coke in 1901, an increase of 3,635,847 short tons of coal in 1902 over 1901. The value of the coal consumed increased from \$1,378,631 to \$3,301,194. In 1901 the value of the coal used in making a ton of coke was \$1.44, and the average price per ton for the coke produced was \$2.04, a difference of sixty cents on each ton. In 1902 the value of the coal used in making a ton of coke was \$1.54, and the average price per ton of coke was \$2.45, a difference of ninety-five cents on each ton of coke.

The quantity of coke imported into the United States in 1902 amounted to 340,483 short tons, valued at \$423,775, as compared with 72,737 short tons, valued at \$266,075, in 1901. The exports of coke in 1902 amounted to 439,590 short tons, valued at \$1,783,383, as compared with 439,450 short tons, valued at \$1,501,588, in 1901.

# ACTIONS OFF KING GEORGE

The Free-for-All Fight Brings Dissensions.

## REPUBLICANS IN FIELD

A Democratic Primary Finally Held, but All is Not Peaceful Yet—Farmers Repairing Damages from the Storm—Pitiable Stranger.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

COMORN, VA., Oct. 17.—It has been one week to date since the Democratic primary was held in this county for the purpose of reducing the number of Democratic candidates to one for each office, and for the further purpose of removing certain complications which seemed to threaten Democratic success on the 24 day of November; and, after all, it is very doubtful if the party, as a party, is really in any better condition now than it was prior to the holding of that primary election.

It looks very much as if there are now two factions in the Democratic party of King George county, and it is needless to explain what two factions mean.

It will be remembered that the King George Democrats held a mass meeting on the first Thursday in August, and, after no little discussion, voted against nominations and primaries, and decided to wait until the 24th of November. Immediately after that action, three prominent Democrats announced themselves as candidates for the office of treasurer, and two prominent Democrats for the office of commissioner of the revenue. In a short time there appeared in the field a Republican candidate for each of these offices. Many Democrats thought that this state of affairs could but result in easy victory for the Republicans, and it was advised that something be done to modify the situation.

### MUST GET TOGETHER.

On the first day of October (court day) the Democratic County Executive Committee held a meeting, and, after earnestly discussing the matter, decided that, in view of the action of the mass meeting in August, they (the committee) could do nothing beyond advising the candidates to "get together" and agree upon some plan which would leave but one Democratic candidate in the field for each office.

The three candidates for the treasurership were H. B. Coghill, B. C. Grymes and J. T. Minor, Jr., and the two for commissioner of the revenue were Joseph A. Pullen and James H. Boggs. Judge C. H. Ashton, Democratic candidate for Commonwealth's attorney, and a Democratic candidate for the office of sheriff, had no opposition from the Democratic side, but they were voted for at the primary.

The week intervening between October court day and the day of the primary was devoted by the candidates and some of their friends to a thorough canvass of the county for the purpose of urging the voters to attend the primary, and that canvass was decidedly one of the most energetic and spirited in the history of King George politics. It was announced at the several precincts on the morning of the primary that Mr. B. C. Grymes, one of the candidates for treasurer, had withdrawn from the contest, leaving the field to Mr. Minor and Mr. Coghill, both of whom, by the way, are sterling young gentlemen.

### THE PRIMARY.

As stated in The Times-Dispatch Tuesday morning, the primary resulted in favor of Mr. J. T. Minor, Jr., for treasurer, and Mr. J. A. Pullen for commissioner of the revenue. Mr. Minor's majority being about 60 over Mr. Coghill, and Mr. Pullen's majority about 70 over Mr. Boggs.

Mr. Minor is one of the most successful and popular young business men of the county, and has long been recognized as one of the best workers in the Democratic party here.

But there are rumors of dissatisfaction in some quarters, and it looks now as if the Democratic party of King George will not be united and harmonious in its action day. Mr. Minor's election to the treasurership is regarded by many as a foregone conclusion, but it is not believed that all the Democratic candidates will "pull through."

In some localities the farmers had to devote the major part of their week to the work of repairing damages wrought by the fearful storms of last Friday and Saturday. Hundreds of dollars' worth of fodder was blown down and scattered far and wide. In this scattered condition it was caught by the torrents of rain, and much of it covered with mud and water.

FISH REPAIRS. Along the Potomac show that nearly all the trap-nets and other paraphernalia placed in the river by fishermen last week were broken down and swept away by the hurricane, entailing heavy loss upon the fishermen.

Mr. H. H. Hunter, the King George jailer, has had some photographs made of that pitiable foreigner confined in jail, and hopes that these pictures will aid in the identification of the unfortunate stranger. The description of this man, which was given in this correspondence a short time ago, has brought letters of inquiry, but as yet his identity is a complete mystery.

### PERSONAL.

Mrs. Thomas P. Clift, who has been spending some time in Washington, has returned to her home here.

Mrs. J. M. Mason and Mrs. C. W. Rogers, of this neighborhood, have gone to Washington to visit relatives.

Mr. H. B. Baker, of this place, is spending a few days with his mother and brother in the National Capital city.

Mrs. Penton McKenny, who has been a guest of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, is making additional appointments to the teaching force, which the increased attendance at the institute has made imperative. The selections have been made with much care and consideration and the following is a brief sketch of the new appointees:

Dr. J. E. Williams, adjunct professor of mathematics.

Dr. Williams graduated at Hampden-Sydney College in 1882, receiving the degree of A. B. with honors. He taught school at Boynton for several years with marked success. Since taking his degree of Ph. D., in 1892, at the University of Virginia, he pursued there advanced studies in pure and applied mathematics and physics, and was an instructor at the University of Virginia until his present appointment here. Influential men in this county pronounce him the most successful teacher in their experience, and his professors at the University speak of him as one of the most promising

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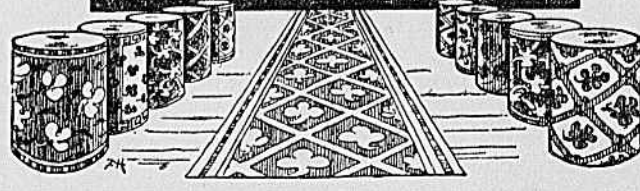


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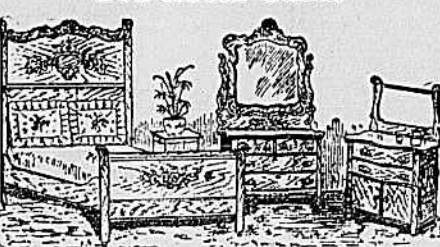
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Cheese, Best Cream, per pound	15c
Chipped Beef, 1/2 lb. cans, 325c	
Pot'd Ham or Tongue, 8 cans, 10c	
Elgin Butter, per pound	22c
Salmon, 7c, or 4 cans, 25c	
Kenton Valley Whiskey, old, 1/2 gallon	\$2.00
New Pigs' Feet, per pound	5c
Whiskies. Gibson XXXX, or rye, per quart bottle	75c
Wines. Blackberry or Catawba, per quart 1/2; per gallon	45c
Smithfield Hams, Small, per lb.	17c
Lake Fish per dozen	8c
Matches per dozen	4c
Tomatoes, per can	6c
New Seeded Raisins in one pound packages	10c
Good Brooms 8 string, 10c; 6 string, 12c	20c
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Cardova Coffee, 1 pound packages	9c
Sugar, Brown, per pound	4c
New Codfish, Boneless, 1-pound pkg.	5c
Preserves, in 3-lb. jars, home made	18c
Meal, best Dunlop, per peck 18c	70c
Hay, No. 1 Timothy, per hundred	85c
Oyster Crackers Dust, per lb.	6c
Va. Apple, Brandy, 5 yrs. old, pure, per gallon	\$3.00
Best Sugar Corn, cans for 8 or 4	30c
New Hom'y & Grits for 5c	
Large Cans Tomatoes, 8c	
Malta Vita, per package	12c
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Hams, Small California, Best Quality, per pound	9c
Finola for cleaning, per package 5c	10c
New N. C. Herrings per dozen, 10c	\$4.50
Green Rio Coffee 16 or 3 25c	
Kitchen Soap bars for cleaning, 5c	
Witch Hazel Toilet Soap 8 to box	10c
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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, BLACKSBURG, VA., Oct. 17.—The Virginia Polytechnic Institute opened the session of 1903-04, September 21st, with the largest enrollment in its history. There are about six hundred and fifty cadets here now and new men are coming in every day. They have added fifteen new men to the faculty and several new instructors and assistants. Everything tends to make this the most successful year of the institution.

The foot-ball team, under the able coaching of Luder, of Cornell, looks forward to a successful season.

INCREASED APPROPRIATION. The increased annual appropriation granted by the last Legislature has made it possible for the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute to make additional appointments to the teaching force, which the increased attendance at the institute has made imperative. The selections have been made with much care and consideration and the following is a brief sketch of the new appointees:

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mathematicians ever sent out from there.

### CHAIR OF ENGLISH.

Dr. Carol M. Newman, assistant professor of English.

Dr. Newman is a native of Washington county, Va., and graduated with the degree of A. B. at King's College in 1898, and took there his A. B. and M. A. degrees in 1900. While at the University he won the Magazine Medal, and assisted with Dr. Kent in editing several works, and was also editor-in-chief of the University Magazine. For the session of 1901-02 he held the mastership of English, German and Latin at St. Albans School. During the summer of 1902 he assisted in the English department in the School of Methods at the University of Virginia, and last year was Dr. Kent's assistant in English literature. He received his Ph. D. degree at the University of Virginia in 1903. All the professors endorse him as an admirable teacher and brilliant young scholar.

Mr. William M. Brodie, instructor in mathematics.

Mr. Brodie is a native of Virginia. He took his B. S. degree with distinction at V. P. I. in 1901. For the session of 1901-1902 he was appointed librarian and third assistant commandant of cadets at this institution, and at the close of that session took his degree of mechanical engineer with distinction. Last year he was appointed assistant in mathematics and promoted to the position of first assistant commandant of cadets. He filled these positions with marked success. In addition to his instructorship he will be continued as first assistant commandant of cadets.

Mr. T. Gilbert Wood, instructor in biology and horticulture.

Mr. Wood is a native of Albemarle county, Va. He graduated at the V. P. I. in 1901, taking his S. S. degree with distinction. During the session of 1901-1902 he pursued graduate studies and assisted Professor Nourse in the agricultural department. For the session of 1902-1903 he was appointed assistant in botany and English and second assistant commandant of cadets, which position he filled with great efficiency. He took his Master of Science degree with highest honors at the commencement of 1902. In addition to this instructorship he will continue to hold his present position as second assistant commandant of cadets.

Mr. George L. Pentress, instructor in mathematics.

Mr. Pentress is from Norfolk, Va., and is a graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, taking with highest honors his B. S. degree in 1900. In June, 1901, he took his Master of Science degree, also with highest honors. During that session he was assistant in mathematics and English, and taught with great success. He was then appointed principal of the Brambleton Graded School of Norfolk, which position he has filled with efficiency for the past three years.

### MYCOLOGY.

Mr. W. A. P. Moncreu, instructor in mycology.

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Mr. Moncreu is a Virginian. He graduated with the class of 1901 at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, taking his B. S. with distinction, and was appointed assistant in the horticultural laboratory. He took his Master's degree in 1903 and was transferred to the New Mycological Laboratory. He has held his position there for the past two years with great success.

Mr. J. R. C. Brown, instructor in mathematics and Spanish.

Mr. Brown is a native of Rockingham county, Va., and took his A. B. in 1895, graduating with distinction from Hampden-Sydney College. He has strong letters of endorsement from all of his professors at that institution. He afterwards spent one year at the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, and has strong recommendations from Drs. Strickler, Moore and others. Mr. Brown was also for three years in charge of a normal and classical school at Burnsville, Va., and is highly recommended as a remarkably successful teacher by all the directors of the school. He next entered the post-graduate department of Johns Hopkins University, holding at first an ordinary, and afterwards an honorary, scholarship in mathematics. He was recommended by Johns Hopkins as a teacher for the Philippines, and taught there for two years, winning promotion. He has a thorough knowledge of the Spanish language, speaking and writing it with great fluency.

### ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

Mr. P. H. Eley, instructor in English and Spanish.

Graduated with great distinction in 1900 at the University of North Carolina, and is endorsed by the president and faculty of that institution as a young man of much brilliancy and promise. In 1901 he took his A. B. degree at Harvard, and was one of the best men in English in his department. Upon the recommendation of President Eliot he was appointed a member of the Williston Academy, and also principal of the Worthen High School, both in Georgia.

European Waterways. It is evident that the value of waterways is fully understood in Europe. France, for example, has spent \$2,000,000 on these works during the years 1879-1900, and has increased the total length of her waterways from 900 miles to 2,500 miles, including 400 miles of newly-constructed canals. Austria has spent \$10,000,000 on waterways in the years 1848-1888. But the greatest advance of all has been made by Germany. In 1882 the number of steamers on her waterways was 530, representing 33,155 tons. By 1902 this number had risen to 1,934 steamers, with 104,590 tons. The length of her waterways in 1900, according to Imperial statistics, was 8,738 miles. The total length of British waterways in 1896 was 2,511 miles, exclusively of ship canals.

### SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

Celebration in Honor of Prof. Alexander Lockhart Nelson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEXINGTON, VA., Oct. 17.—The semi-centennial of Professor Alexander Lockhart Nelson as professor of mathematics at Washington and Lee University will be celebrated next commencement, in June, 1904. He was elected professor in the spring of 1853 while supplying the same chair at the University of Virginia, during the temporary absence of Professor Courtney. He came up upon his duties at Washington College the following September, and has presided over that department with great ability. Many young men from all parts of the country, North and South, East and West, have sat at his feet.

The monthly assembly at Washington and Lee University was addressed by Dr. W. S. Carroll, of the department of English and modern languages. His subject was the Literary Study of the Bible. Mrs. Peck, widow of Rev. Dr. Thomas Peck of Union Theological Seminary, who has been in Lexington since last May with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Hooker, has come to Charleston, S. C., where she will spend the winter.

Mr. Harry D. Irwin and family, of Minneapolis, Minn., are in Lexington visiting relatives. Mr. Irwin is a son of the late Rev. Dr. D. C. Irwin, of Lexington, and Mrs. Irwin is a daughter of the late Mr. William White, for many years town treasurer of Lexington.

Mr